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1. REF WAS A VERY THOROUGH AND WELL DONE JOB AND EXACTLY WHAT WAS NEEDED. IT FORMED THE BASIS FOR OUR 13 DECEMBER BRIEFING OF GENERAL TAYLOR WHICH WENT VERY WELL. TAYLOR HAS A REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF HOW MUCH HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ACHIEVED TO DATE, BUT BECAME CONVINCED OF THE VALUE OF THE PHOENIX CONCEPT AND THE NEED FOR GIVING IT ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY SUPPORT FROM TACTICAL MILITARY UNITS, BOTH US AND VIETNAMESE. TAYLOR SEEMED PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED AT THE STATION'S DETAILED GRASP OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PHOENIX, ITS APPROACH TO THEIR RESOLUTION AND ITS REALISM IN ANALYZING PROGRESS TO DATE. IT WAS, OF COURSE,

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2. A SLIGHTLY EDITED VERSION OF REF WILL BE CIRCULATED ON AN EYES ONLY BASIS TO SENIOR OFFICIALS HERE. IT SHOULD PROVE MOST USEFUL ~~AND~~ IN FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH VIETNAM: WHAT WE HAVE IN FACT ACHIEVED, WHAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE, AND WHAT WE CAN ~~REX~~ REASONABLY EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH.

3. AGAIN, THANKS AND WELL DONE.

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